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REMARKS

The present application and its claims are directed to a cleaning system, method and device.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

In response to the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-8, 10-12 and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,130,104 to Yamasaka (hereinafter "Yamasaka") and claims 13-15, 17-19, 22-24 and 26-30 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,118,290 to Sugiyama et al. (hereinafter "Sugiyama"), Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. In particular, the claims remaining in the application are allowable over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9, 16-19 and 23-28 are allowable over the prior art cited by the Examiner and early allowance of these claims and the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number below in order to speed the prosecution of this application.

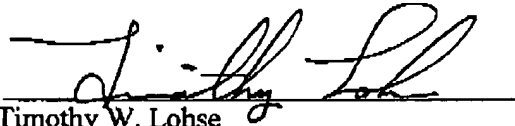
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,

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